



Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership Annual Meeting
Minutes of meeting held on 13th July 21 by teams online 11am – 1pm

Agenda item	Notes	Action
1. Welcome & introductions	<p>Cllr. David Parry, acting Chair opened the meeting and led the introductions.</p> <p>Approval of last AGM minutes this was approved.</p>	
2. Approval of minutes introduction to nominees	<p>EW went through the voting process as per ALCRP constitution and emphasised that only members of the steering group can vote. One vote per organisation and in the event of a tie for the role of Chair, the current acting Chair Cllr. Dave Parry will have the deciding vote. In the event of a tie for the role of Vice Chair, the newly elected Chair will have the casting vote.</p> <p>To help adjudicate the voting EW appointed Paul Webster from Community Rail Network.</p> <p>As a teams meeting votes were either by a physical show of hands, the teams 'hand' icon or message EW directly on teams message. Email votes received for those eligible to vote but not present.</p> <p>Introductory bios for all candidates were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>EW introduced nominations for the position of Chair.</p> <p>Cllr Sandy Walkington</p> <p>Cllr Phil Bibby</p> <p>EW asked for votes for Cllr Bibby first and these were counted.</p> <p>EW asked for votes for Cllr Sandy Walkington and these were counted.</p> <p>Cllr Sandy Walkington votes 9 including 2 votes via email.</p> <p>Cllr Phil Bibby votes cast 0</p> <p>EW introduced nominations for the position of Vice Chair</p> <p>Cllr. David Parry, St Stephen Parish Council.</p> <p>Mr Peter Brooks, Abfly rail users' group</p>	

EW asked for votes for Cllr Bibby first and these were counted.

EW asked for votes for Cllr Sandy Walkington and these were counted.

Cllr David Parry votes cast 8 including 1 via email

Mr Peter Brooks votes cast 2

After a vote by those present

Cllr Sandy Walkington elected as Chair of the Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership.

Cllr David Parry was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership.

Both nominations were 'seconded'.

Confirmation of CRP Steering Group

Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership members and representatives 21/22

Member Organisation	Representative
Hertfordshire County Council (Host Organisation)	Mrs Val Male
ABLY Rail User Group	Mr Peter Brooke
St Stephen Parish Council	Cllr. David Parry (Vice Chair)
London Northwestern Railway	Mr Timothy Bellenger
Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust	Mr Robert Yorke
Community Development Action (CDA Herts)	Mrs Kate Bellini

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<p>3. Short address by Chair & changes to constitution</p>	<p>Chair : Cllr. Sandy Walkington Vice Chair : Cllr. David Parry Partnership Development Officer : Mrs Edna Woname</p> <p>Other stakeholders and non-voting members Department for Transport, Network Rail, Community Rail Network, British Transport Police, St Albans Cathedral, CAMRA, Abbey Theatre</p> <p>Cllr. Sandy Walkington, Chair thanked those present and the steering group. Also thanked the outgoing Chair, Derrick Ashley and his work during his role as Chair.</p> <p>EW went through the proposed changes to the constitution. These were first raised at the previous steering group.</p> <p>Constitution changes proposed</p> <p>Individuals are encouraged to participate by joining the Abbey Flyer Rail User Group (ABFLY), who will represent individual members on the Partnership Steering Group</p> <p>8.1 Annual General Meeting</p> <p>i) The AGM shall normally be held in the first quarter of each year.</p> <p>ii) Only the AGM, or a Special General Meeting (see below) shall have the power to amend the constitution, and one month's notice shall be given in writing to the CRP Officer of any proposed change.</p> <p>Date it is held from 1st quarter to annually on a date decided by the steering group 8.1</p>										

	<p>Amend ACORP to CRN 12.3 due to the change of name to Community Rail Network</p> <p>EW proposed a complete review of the constitution. Members voted by show of hands that a special meeting can be held to review and adopt a new constitution.</p>	
4. Overview of the year PDO	<p>EW gave an overview of the years' activities via a presentation which is attached. It is intended that a printed report as is practice will be available for the next meeting next year and that 'physical meetings' can take place again not made possible because of the pandemic.</p> <p>Attendees gave positive comments on the report and work that has been done so far.</p> <p>SW echoed this as well and the comprehensive presentation and thanked EW.</p>	
5. Operator report	<p>Mr Timothy Bellenger (TB) Head of Stakeholder and Community gave an overview of train operations and community work over the last year.</p> <p>Thanked everyone and the work done by the CRP. Talked on the difficulties faced on the pandemic resulting in loss of service on the Abbey line.</p> <p>Also working with the Network Rail on the speed restrictions currently imposed so as to work towards providing a better service than it is currently.</p> <p>MG added that Network rail are pushing for a resolution on the speed restrictions earlier in August rather than September / October as originally planned.</p> <p>SW asked for passenger numbers and figures but these were not available. TB will get this information for the group.</p>	
6. Guest speaker	<p>Mr Steve Pickering, (SP) Building Better Opportunities & MENCAP talked about working with ALCRP particularly the 'Travel with Confidence' programme and volunteering and its impact on the young people they work with.</p> <p>He did voice his frustration on the impact of the lack of train services and as volunteers travelling to volunteer sites. This was noted by SW and TB.</p> <p>He thanked the CRP for working with Watford MENCAP and looking forward to working further on station adoption and volunteering.</p> <p>SW and added his thanks to SP and MENCAP.</p> <p>EW also added a new travel guide for those travelling on the train and need a bit of help and guidance which has come about as a result of this project.</p>	

7. AOB	<p>EW asked if RY from Bricket Wood Heritage Trust project could update the group.</p> <p>Work on detailed plans is about to start and contracts will go out to tender for contractors later this year.</p> <p>Lease with Network rail is also almost complete and confident this will be soon to enable the above work to go ahead. The hope is that this time next year it will be open for business as the deadline is March next year.</p> <p>SW asked about future meeting dates.</p> <p>EW this will be decided later in the year, which may also be dependent on the outcome of the changes to the constitution and special meeting.</p>	
	Meeting was closed by the Chair at 1pm.	